



Coconino County Sheriff's Office

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Coconino County Sheriff's Deputy Investigates Wolf Hybrid Dogs at Large

Flagstaff, AZ – On Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at about 9:00 p.m. the Coconino County Sheriff's Office received a call of multiple gun shots fired in the area of Mercury Drive in the Doney Park West Neighborhood. Upon his arrival, the deputy was met by a group of citizens one of which identified himself as the owner of four Wolf Hybrid Dogs. According to the owner the hybrid dogs are kept at his residence in the area of Mercury Drive in a pen surrounded by a 10 foot electrified fence.

According to the owner the animals they were able to chew through the electrified fence and escape from their pen. While they were loose the animals are believed to have killed a neighborhood dog, and approximately 17 turkeys, chickens, and ducks. Between the owner and another area resident three of the animals were spotted and shot. All three of those animals' bodies have been recovered and they are all dead. The fourth wolf hybrid that is described as the omega wolf of the pack is a female and the smallest of the pack. She was last seen running into a forested area off of Slayton Ranch Estates. She is described as black and white in color and about the size of a coyote. The other three animals were each 120 pounds in weight or more, 4 years of age and according to the owner have not been involved in any other similar incidents.

According to the owner the 4 wolf hybrids were friendly with him and to his knowledge have not shown aggression towards other humans in the past. It appears that the animals were being legally possessed and cared for by the owner. Anyone who believes they see the one outstanding wolf hybrid is urged not to approach the animal and to contact the Coconino County Sheriff's Office at (928) 774-4523.

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